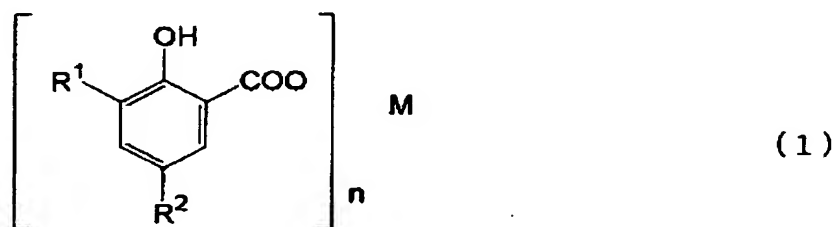


CLAIMS

1. A lubricating oil additive obtained by incorporating, into a lubricant base oil, (A) a salicylate detergent and (B) a metal detergent other than any salicylate detergent, wherein the salicylate detergent (A) is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate represented by the general formula (1) and/or a (per)basic salt thereof:



wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and each represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, the hydrocarbon group may contain oxygen or nitrogen, M represents an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, and n is 1 or 2 in accordance with the valence of the metal.

2. The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein one of R^1 and R^2 in the general formula (1) is a hydrocarbon which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms, and the other is a hydrocarbon which has less than 10 carbon atoms (and may have oxygen or nitrogen).

3. The lubricating oil additive according to claim 1, wherein

R^1 and R^2 in the general formula (1) are each a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 40 carbon atoms.

4. The lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the component (A), has a metal ratio of 1.1 or more.

5. The lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the metal detergent (B) other than any salicylate detergent is at least one selected from alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonates and (per)basic salts thereof.

6. The lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 5, which further comprises at least one selected from (C) an anti-wear agent, (D) an ashless dispersing agent, and (E) an antioxidant.

7. A lubricating oil composition, into which the lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 6 is incorporated.

8. A method for improving the storage stability of a lubricating oil composition comprising a salicylate detergent and another metal detergent, wherein the lubricating oil additive according to any one of claims 1 to 6 is used.